

## LOCAL ITEMS

About Our Town and Its People

Mrs. Artella Anderson left here Monday for Buffalo, Wyoming, where she expects to make an extended visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Eva Divine, who has been residing with Mrs. Anderson the past two years, is now making her home with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Menke.

Ben Parks of Flint was in the city Saturday on a brief visit. He left Sunday for a few days' visit with his parents at Fenwick.

Mrs. Leonard Fell and baby of Detroit are here visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Geo. Holmes. She will remain several days.

W. S. Langston went to Hastings Thursday on business. He returned Saturday evening.

Offering a Model 81 Overland at attractive price. Ames & Unger.—Adv.

Mrs. Harry Dadds of Iowa spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Dadds and family.

Al. Weber has purchased the Willis Wood home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pangborn and Mr. and Mrs. T. Andrews and daughter, Vera, spent Saturday in the country.

The Sunday guests of Alvah Dadds were Mr. and Mrs. Slater, Miss Anna Trowbridge and Mr. Cole and friend of Iowa.

Mrs. Anna Moon spent Sunday with relatives near Smyrna.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hall were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Forward.

For a good one-ton Republic truck used one season, see Ames & Unger.—Advertisement.

Mrs. Brisbois has moved to Battle Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Dickens of Moseley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Dadds recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson and father, Charlie Johnson, were called to Orleans Friday to attend the funeral of their aunt.

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Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Biss were in Grand Rapids Wednesday to attend the "Gypsy" Smith meeting in the Armory. He spoke in the interest of the Y. M. C. A.

Mrs. Thomas Bracken arrived home from her western trip and extended visit Tuesday.

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Mrs. Al. Shaw, who has been in poor health for some time, submitted to an operation in the hospital at Greenville recently, and is now reported as much improved.

"The Beast of Berlin," they call him, and after you have witnessed this stirring photoplay at the Empress theater Thursday, May 23, and Friday, May 24, afternoon and evening, you will agree that you haven't been so thrilled in a long long time. It is not a battle picture, it has no plot to speak of, and there is no one story but the whole is a presentation which will stir you to the breaking point. All the vital points of the world war are brought out with a faithfulness to detail and in a realism which can't be beaten. It is a seven big reels. Don't miss it.—Adv.

Mrs. Perry Heald was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Jennie Fitzjohn, Wednesday.

An excellent buy in a 1917 Model 90 Overland, driven 2000 miles. Ames & Unger.—Advertisement.

A. E. Underwood and wife of Athens are the guests this week of their sons, Fred and Lloyd Underwood.

A Mi-o-na stomach tablet taken after meals will prevent any distress or uncomfortable feeling. Guaranteed by Wortley & French.—Adv.

Miss Maude Fitzjohn, who has been quite ill, is reported as improving.

R. A. Booth and F. E. Davis of Greenville were in the city Tuesday with one of the Tower motor trucks, showing up its advantages and endeavoring to interest people in the advisability of taking stock in the company. The Tower Motor Truck company manufacture three sizes two-ton, three and one-half-ton and five-ton. The one on exhibition here was the two-ton. Mr. Davis is vice president and general manager of the company.

Fred Tuck, who went to Boston Tech. and son of Mrs. Mary Tuck, of this city has received a commission of Lieutenant and has been sent to Washington, D. C., and assigned to the equipment division, finance department, approvals section.—Greenville Call. Fred was a former resident and school boy here.

The Equitable Fraternal Union is just now enjoying a boom in business. A number of candidates have been taken into the order and more are on the way. Howard Bignell, one of their members, who recently died at Palo, was insured in the order for \$1,000.

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Charles Webster, janitor of the Ellis school, who has been confined to his home by sickness for several weeks, is able to be out again, but unable to resume his duties.

William Barker, who has been confined to the house for the past four or five weeks by serious illness, is reported somewhat better, but not yet able to be out.

Clyde Knapp is on a business trip through Pennsylvania and Maryland. He will return this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bostwick entertained about twenty of their relatives Sunday for dinner. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. John Hill of Grand Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. Aldous Bush of Greenville; Mrs. C. J. Hicks of Orleans; Mrs. John Cartridge and son, Fred, of Eureka; Allen Hill and family of Cook's Corners; Jas. Wright and family; Mrs. Will Wean and Geo. Hagadorn of Orleans. The dinner was enjoyed by all and especially so as it was prepared by Mrs. Bostwick, who is seventy-seven years old.

Mrs. Edna Wright and daughter, Juanita Belle, visited Thursday with her grandmother, Mrs. Laura Bostwick.

Mr. Geo. M. Blett went to Carson City this morning to visit a week with friends.

Mrs. Ada Olmstead of Midland returned home today after visiting two weeks at the home of Jas. Caverley.

Mrs. Helen Wilcox of Central Lake returned home Tuesday after visiting a few days with Mrs. Jane Coulson and Mrs. Enos Antcliff.

Mrs. Frank Converse and daughter, Ruth, were Grand Rapids visitors Tuesday.

Kaiser smashed in jaw by captain of guards. Pandemonium breaks loose in Berlin when Captain von Wohlbold goaded to desperation by war lord's cruelty, gains entrance to palace and delivers mighty wallop. To know the outcome see "The Kaiser, The Beast of Berlin," at the Empress theater, Thursday, May 23, and Friday, May 24, afternoon and evening. A play endorsed by the Council of National Defense.—Advertisement.

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Mrs. Paul Eifert of Grand Rapids returned home Tuesday after visiting a few days with Mrs. Chas. Brown.

Rev. J. G. Tate went to Battle Creek Tuesday, where he went to deliver a lecture in a Liberty Bond drive under the auspices of the M. W. A. lodge.

Walter Meach of Muir was in the city Tuesday.

Rheumatic? Try a two weeks' treatment of Rheuma and get well. If it doesn't help, Wortley & French will return your money.—Advertisement.

Irene Dorr was confined to the house several days this week with tonsillitis.

Miss Irene Barnes of Grand Rapids was the week-end guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Barnes.

Mrs. Kate Showers and daughter, Cora, were Grand Rapids visitors Tuesday.

## KAISER INSULTS LADY GUEST

Outrages by His Officers Prompted by Examples Provided by Their Ruler

Reason for outrages committed against the young womanhood of Belgium by the officers and men of the German army is undoubtedly provided in the truths now coming to light of the insulting manner in which the Kaiser himself has frequently received in the White Room of the Imperial Palace, where his generals and other officers are present and have seen the disrespect shown female guests by their own ruler.

The Kaiser is a slave to beautiful hands and has often distressed ladies of the court by his bold, public admiration and insulting insinuations. A case now receiving considerable attention here in America is that of Miss Gertrude Astor.

Most of the rings and bracelets worn by the Kaiser are duplicates of ornaments he has noticed on female hands while admiring and fondling them, even strangers, in public; but this is but one of many sensational peeps into the private life of the habits and mannerisms of "The Mad Dog of Europe," as shown in Rupert Julian's startling screen production, "The Kaiser, the Beast of Berlin," to be shown at the Empress Theatre on Thursday and Friday, May 23 and 24, afternoon and evening.

The Empress is Progressive Messrs. Wright & Joslin, proprietors of the Empress theater, ever on the alert to give their patrons the best in the movie line obtainable, will next week install motors to drive their Powers picture machines. This will give a better and steadier picture on the screen. They are also negotiating for the purchase of a new Powers 6-4 picture machine, which they hope to have installed within the next two weeks and which as far as projection, machinery, etc. is concerned, will place the Empress on an equal footing with any of the theaters in the state.

Ladies' Literary Exchange Club The Ladies' Literary Exchange club met with Mrs. Belle Mann and Mrs. Kate Hill Thursday afternoon, May 9. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Mary Smith. After roll call the program for the afternoon was taken up, it being "Michigan Day." Two most excellent papers were given, the first, "Michigan Colleges and Universities," by Mrs. Rena Trull and the second, "Michigan in Competition With the World," by Mrs. Norton.

Current events by the club followed by a short discussion of same closed the program for the afternoon. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ella French Thursday afternoon, May 23rd.

Red Cross Drive May 20 Millions of money has already been raised and spent in the great and good work of the Red Cross for European and American war relief.

Next week another drive will begin. In order that this tremendous work may be carried on the President has designated the week of May 20, 1918, as Red Cross week, during which the public will be appealed to for another hundred million dollar contribution.

Every means will be taken during that week to inspire and stimulate the public to give and give generously to this great need. It is as much a matter of patriotism as the support of our army and navy.

Piano Recital May 15 A piano recital is to be given this Wednesday evening by the pupils of Mrs. K. L. Skahan in the Miller & Harris Furniture Company's store. A nice program has been prepared in which twenty-four pupils will participate. They are: Geraldine Orser, Ada Leech, Florence Ayers, Mary Engemann, Jeanette French, Junitta Langston, Marjorie Harrison, Elise Connell, Evelyn Beckwith, Margaret White, Florence Scott, Bernice McLean, Trellis Conant, Dorothy Conant, Lila Parent, Eva Hauck, Julia Meta Arnold, Ethlyn Steele, Freda Day, Martha Evans, Mary Deerr, Marie Maloney, and Mildred Hogan.

Registration Notice Notice has been received from the National Defense headquarters that the time for registration for women would be extended to the first of June and that all women not registering would be considered as aliens and should be reported.

The registration committee in this vicinity have arranged that all women not already registered may register Monday, Thursday or Friday afternoons at the Red Cross rooms in the city hall. Mrs. I. L. Hubbell or Mrs. Earl Wilson will also register any women calling at their homes.

Barber Shops Closed The barber shops and poolrooms of Dallas McDuffy on Pleasant street and Wynn Smalley on Main street have been closed up by the proprietors.

Mr. McDuffy is in Detroit and Mr. Smalley is looking for another location where he can move his stock and tables. They claim the recent ordinance passed by the common council assessing a license of twenty-five dollars a year for each table was practically prohibitive as there was nothing left for profit even when operating under no license.

A New View Banks—Don't you think the war will have a tendency to discourage matrimony?

Hanks—Not much. The men will be more eager than ever to marry. Why, look how the war is showing women how to support a family!

Free Baby Clinic The first regular free baby clinic will be held Saturday at three p. m. in the city hall. A graduate nurse will be in charge. Come and have your baby weighed. Bring a blanket to wrap him in. If he's holed mothers having underweight or ailing babies will bring them for examination.

## Michigan's War Activities

By Hon. Albert E. Sleeper, Governor of Michigan.  
(In the American Review of Reviews for April 1918.)

(One of the effective and patriotic executives who direct the emergency work of our States in the war period is Governor Sleeper, of Michigan. What he tells our readers herewith of the efforts of that great commonwealth is most encouraging. Michigan's automobile industry and her many other manufacturing plants, as well as her agriculture, are going to make a great record for the year 1918.—The Editor.)



Hon. Albert E. Sleeper,  
(Governor of Michigan.)

Michigan factories are turning out huge supplies for the Government. Motor trucks are being built by the thousand, and Henry Ford is planning to construct U-boat chasers on a colossal scale. In fact the whole of the immense manufacturing power of the State is at the disposal of the President and his advisors.

Last April the Michigan State Legislature appropriated the sum of \$5,000,000 for war purposes. The State War Board, consisting of the elected State officers with the Governor as chairman, is charged with the administration of this fund; and while we have been careful in the use of our money, while we have tried to avoid useless or wasteful expenditure, we have used money and used it freely, wherever we have felt it could help the cause of the nation by so doing.

We have contracted for the purchase of a thousand farm tractors and an equal number of tractor plows, and if more are needed they will be forthcoming. These tractors will be re-sold to individual farmers, under a guarantee from each purchaser that he will keep his machine constantly at work. Not only will he do his own plowing but he will take care of his neighbor. This arrangement will help to minimize the inevitable shortage of farm labor from which the State will suffer this coming season. The State, too, is making further arrangements to solve the farm labor problem.

We have also purchased a supply of seed corn and spring wheat which will be distributed through the various sections where the need is greatest. We have, too, a large surplus of potatoes from last year's crop which have not been marketed, and, realizing that the growers would suffer heavy loss unless something could be done to bring relief, we have undertaken an experiment in dehydration, which, if successful—and we have little doubt about that—will take care of part of the big crop now on hand and next season will enable us to handle the whole crop.

Some months ago the War Board authorized the State Board of Health to deal with the subject of venereal disease not only in relation to the soldier but among the civilian population as well. This was done under the direction of Dr. R. M. Olin, Secretary of the Board of Health; and the Michigan plan has so commended itself to the War Department that they have recommended it for adoption in all the States of the Union.

The War Board, through the State Highway Department, has expended approximately \$300,000, in the construction and maintenance of military highways.

Last summer the "I. W. W.'s" started in to make trouble in the Iron Country, but the despatch of a detachment of our mounted State Constabulary to the scene nipped the trouble in the bud, and we are assured by those in closest touch with the situation that our prompt action in this matter avoided serious disturbance in the mining region of the State. As it is, everything has been quiet there and our men are still on guard. The Constabulary was organized since our entry into the war, and the general feeling seems to be that the service rendered in this part of the State alone has furnished ample justification for their establishment as a branch of the State Military organization. They have also done effective work in other parts of the State guarding munitions plants, elevators, docks and the like.

We have been endeavoring also to take care of the boys who have gone to the training camps. We arranged to loan a maximum sum of \$400 to each young officer in need of financial assistance for the purchase of his equipment. We take their personal notes, and all these loans will be paid back, unless, and we do not like to think of that, the boys do not come back to us. We have been taking care of the dependents of our soldiers too, the wives and the widows and the mothers of both enlisted and drafted men. We have been paying from \$10 to \$50 a month to hundreds of families where the bread-winner has gone to war or into training. The national government has been necessarily slow in getting money to the many thousands of women and children dependent on the men who have been called into the service. In the meantime, we have done what we could to tide over the period of financial stringency. We are determined to do our best for the comfort of the boys themselves and of the dear ones they have left behind. I might say in passing that we also purchased 16,000 pairs of rubbers for the boys in Camp Custer.

In each of our eighty-three counties we have established a County War Board. The County Boards in turn have recommended a Township or Ward Board in each township and ward in the State. These boards have been chosen with great care. We have done our best to secure the men who do things, and we believe we have an effective organization covering every corner of the State. It will be the business of these men to take the lead in all patriotic endeavors in their several communities.

In this connection mention should be made of the splendid work which has been done by the women of Michigan. They have risen nobly to the occasion and their efforts have been most effective. They are now preparing for a State-wide registration of women for war service.

I am glad to be able to say that our State is united in its determination to do its full share toward winning the war. We realize the serious nature of the situation. We know that there is not only hard work ahead of us but suffering and sacrifice; but we have put our hand to the plow and we shall not look back.

(Permission to use Governor Sleeper's article granted the U. S. Food Administration, Michigan Division, by the Review of Reviews Co., Albert Shaw, President.)

## IF YOU ARE A PATRIOT YOU ARE OBSERVING THIS SCHEDULE OF FLOUR RATIONS IN YOUR OWN HOME.

Flour rations for families doing their own baking; and those purchasing Victory bread from bakers, based on a maximum allowance of one and one-half pounds of flour per person per week:

Flour Rations Per Person —Per Week.	Number in Family.				
	2	3	4	5	6
For families doing their own baking and using flour for all miscellaneous purposes; including crackers, macaroni, etc.	3 lbs.	4½ lbs.	6 lbs.	7½ lbs.	9 lbs.
Families not doing their own baking but buying Victory bread from bakers:					
BREAD .....	3½ lbs.	5½ lbs.	7 lbs.	8½ lbs.	10½ lbs.
Flour ration for all other purposes, including crackers, macaroni, etc.	1 lb.	1½ lbs.	2 lbs.	2½ lbs.	3 lbs.

In explanation of the seeming disparity between flour rations permitted families doing their own baking and those purchasing Victory bread, it is pointed out, that households depending on bakeries and buying Victory bread under the one and one-half pound flour ration are permitted to use one and three-quarters pounds of Victory bread per person per week, plus one-half pound flour for miscellaneous uses, such as macaroni, crackers, etc. This is the equivalent of one and one-half pounds of flour per person per week where the family does its own baking, for the reason that bakers' bread takes 20 per cent of moisture content, and also contains 20 per cent of substitute under the present baking rules. Therefore one and three-quarters pounds of Victory bread contains one pound of wheat flour. This leaves one-half pound of wheat flour for all other uses, such as crackers, macaroni, etc.

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## LONG LAKE

Mrs. Elmer Hall is visiting her parents, here, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Whitford visited in Lansing Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Will Moore called on Mrs. Ed. Dodson Friday.

Charlie Spencer and family of Belding Sunday at Mason Smith's.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweet from Lansing are visiting at Mr. Smith's.

Mrs. Albert Rich is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kern entertained Mrs. Kern's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Butts, from Battle Creek, last week.

Mrs. Freda Antcliff and children of Belding were here with Mr. Whitford's children while the parents were in Lansing.

The windstorm Thursday night blew Ben Hall's slider over.

Frank Heth and family came Saturday from Grand Rapids. Mrs. Heth will stay for the summer and Mr. Heth has returned to Grand Rapids where he is employed.

Mrs. Albert Brown and Mrs. Ed. Morris called on Mrs. Easterbrook at Orleans Friday afternoon.

Miss Elizabeth Sontag spent Friday afternoon and evening with Mrs. Sylvia Canfield.

The Long Lake Aid society met with Mrs. Sylvia Canfield last Thursday. A good crowd was present. All had a fine time. Next month they meet with Mrs. Dodson, June 6.

The road is being graded from here south to the corner and will be graded.

## 4 Big Specials

For this week Friday and Saturday

These are all unusual values and we expect all will be sold long before closing time Saturday.

## Special 1

10 dozen gingham House Dresses these are all new styles, made from good quality gingham and sell regularly at \$1.75. Friday and Saturday

\$1.39

## Special 2

10 dozen petticoats, Friday and Saturday These are full length with a wide ruffle at the bottom, made from stripe gingham or searsucker and sell regularly at \$1.00.

69c

## Special 3

50 dozen Burson Hose, regular and outsize, black or white These are seconds to the 39c Burson Hose and the imperfections are very slight.

23c

## Special 4

50 dozen turkish towels in blue or pink plaids 13 1-2x27 inch, extra heavy and are worth 15c each, Friday and Saturday

9c

Buy Thrift Stamps. Give your pin money to the government by purchasing War Saving Stamps earning 4 per cent interest. This is a splendid way to start a saving plan. Every \$4.16 pays back \$5.00 in 5 years.

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